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Study of USIB Information
Processing Activities:
Idea Series

1. Prior to and during the course of the study of the USIB information processing activities, it would be very useful to have a ready channel for the flow of ideas to those having action responsibility.
2. These ideas might take any form and cover any subject: think pieces, published studies or reports, contractor proposals, or simply leads to people who have ideas, in or out of government.
3. I hope that some such papers may be made available in time for the Steering Committee Retreat 15-17 May, to stimulate our discussions and to make the meetings as profitable as possible.
4. At a minimum, each individual attending the retreat, should have a paper or be prepared to outline orally, his or her views on the following questions:
 - What in your view should be the primary objective of a study of the information processing activities of the Intelligence Community?
 - What in your opinion are the five or six most important problem areas requiring action?
 - What clarification of these problems or steps toward their solution could a study achieve?

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- What portions of the Intelligence Community would have to be contacted or studied in order to make progress in this direction?
- What components of Government outside the area normally considered the Intelligence Community would have to be contacted or studied?
- What special knowledge, experience or aptitudes should the individuals making these investigations have?
- Where can we get such people? Can you identify them by name?

5. This office will be glad to reproduce any papers submitted for the retreat. These should be in my hands not later than Thursday afternoon, May 11.

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Chairman